



## Mary Jane Olley

March 1, 1927 - February 28, 2020

Mary Jane Olley, 92, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2020, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter. She was born to Pasquale and Lucia (Labriola) Disabato on March 1, 1927; joining a large and loving family in Altoona, PA. One of eleven siblings, Mary Jane's childhood was marked by faith, hard work, and love.

She met Raymond Olley, her husband of 73 years, during WWII, and they married on June 22, 1946 at St. Donatus Catholic Church in Blue Island, IL. God blessed their union with seven children. Mary Jane served and raised her family with humor, humility, and an abundance of amazing homemade meals. The dedication and care with which she tended to each recipe was exceeded only by her love, dedication, and care for her husband and children.

She loved babies. Mary Jane always welcomed any opportunity to hold and rock a baby. She was blessed with 19 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren and delighted in each precious life. Mary Jane cherished them all. Her faithfulness and love made a lasting impact on generations of her beloved family.

Mary Jane was a joyful and outgoing woman, and no matter where she was, she always made a friend. Mary Jane enjoyed playing games with family and friends - Bingo, Scrabble, and Yahtzee were some of her favorite past times.

In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling. Particularly skillful at Scrabble, she would often win the game with just one well-placed letter. She also enjoyed birdwatching and embroidery. She was an artist in the kitchen, and her pizzelle cookies and sour cream knot cookies were favorites at many family gatherings. Mary Jane was a faithful and devoted member of the Church, most recently of St. Joseph's Church in Manteno, IL., and was previously involved in the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Donatus.

Mary Jane is preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and three sisters, a daughter born into heaven, and her daughter, Lorraine Olley Eustice.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband Raymond, a sister Louise Cahill, a brother Rudy (Evelyn) Disabato, as well as her children Catherine (Richard) Stevens, Raymond (Patricia) Olley, Joanna (Thomas) Roat, Timothy (Kathleen) Olley, Kevin (Louann) Olley, Regina (George) Schildhouse, and son-in-law Paul Eustice. Mary Jane's love and prayers defined her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and will continue to shape all that knew her.

We will celebrate Mary Jane's life with a visitation Wednesday, March 4th, 4:00 – 8:00pm (CST) at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home 291 N. Main St., Manteno, IL. Celebration of mass will be Thursday, March 5th, 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church 207 S. Main St., Manteno, IL 60950. Fr. Thomas Theneth will celebrate the Mass.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
291 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church  
207 S. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 468-3403  
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ One month ago you left us Mom for your place up there in Heaven...I love and miss you so very much!

Cathy - March 27, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JA

“ Jackie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jane Olley



Jackie - March 04, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 04, 2020 at 11:44 AM

PH

“ Rest in Heaven Aunt Jane, you were the sweetest lady, a great friend to my Mom and Dad, and a very precious memory of my childhood.

Patricia Haviaris - March 04, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CS

“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cathy Stevens** - March 03, 2020 at 03:30 PM

KD

“ *Miss Janie was such a sweet and wonderful lady. I'd often find her playing Yahtzee and winning almost every time she would say "It's all in the wrist" and throw the dice smiling. She shared her tricks for growing the most beautiful violets I have ever seen. Sending my love to Ray and the Family.*  
*Kristin D.*

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**Kristin Doudt** - March 02, 2020 at 11:15 PM

DO

“ Rest In Peace sweet lady  
You will always be my aunt Jane.  
You and your family were the best to me. You introduced me to  
“being in the dog house” at your in Hillsdale, NJ.  
Where I fell in the creek more times than I can remember. You  
never scolded me ever about coming back to house soaking wet, i  
also remember the first time we came to see you in Blue Island,  
Illinois as we drove past White Sox stadium as you described how  
fireworks go off when a home run is hit.  
At the same time fireworks went off as on Q Amazing Lady, You will  
be Missed 🙏🙏🙏

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**Domenick** - March 02, 2020 at 07:19 PM

 Cathy  
Stevens

“ You taught us well Mom to be strong like you...



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**Cathy Stevens** - March 02, 2020 at 06:36 PM

BM

*I met Maryjanes daughter Cathy in recent months and immediately felt a connection to her. I wasn't sure how at the time, but I know now why God brought us together. At the time we met I just lost my Mother and Cathy was very kind and comforting. I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I wish I could have met her, but I can see how loved and amazing she was and will always be. Becky Michel from Manteno*

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**Becky Michel** - March 02, 2020 at 07:05 PM

CS

*Thank you so much for your kindness and friendship.. we definitely have a bond. God given..that one day we met.Hugs*

**Cathy Stevens** - March 03, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JA

“ *Jackie lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Olley*



**Jackie** - March 02, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Olley.*



March 02, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JA

“ *Never was there a woman so full of love and genuine kindness as my sweet grandma. May her spirit live on through all of us.*

*One thing I will miss most is her sense of humor. My grandma was a master at unexpected quips that left both of us in stitches.*

*I wish for peace and comfort for my family in the time ahead, especially for her loving husband and children, but also to all who love her. Honor her memory through acts of kindness and caring toward one another and others.*

**Jackie** - March 02, 2020 at 10:36 AM

KO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**kevin olley** - March 02, 2020 at 08:59 AM

CS

“ Mom... the most beautiful inside and outside lady I ever met...my best friend..my mentor...my mother....my admiration and love for her. ...there are not enough words... I will miss you forever,Mommy. You lived your life though your love of God and he blessed you and us with just shy of 93 years of you here on earth. ... Fly high sweet angel mommy and look down on us earthlings ..your family and friends with your everlasting smile that would light up the room. Mom I miss you so much!

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**Cathy Stevens** - March 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM

SM

A beautiful, from the heart tribute Cathy. God Bless you and the entire Olley Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless your Mom.

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**Steve Murphy** - March 02, 2020 at 09:44 AM



Thank you Steve

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**Cathy Stevens** - March 02, 2020 at 06:37 PM